

Abstract of the Disclosure

Cooking tong apparatus for handling food items on a grill, the cooking tong apparatus having first and second jaws disposed in opposing gripping engagement, wherein the jaws open and close in a vertical direction and each jaw has a plurality of tines that are properly spaced apart and sized to fit between standard cross-members
5 of a grill. The cooking tong apparatus has first and second handles which lie in a substantially horizontal plane, allowing a user to operate the cooking tong apparatus in a manner which is most comfortable for the user's hand and wrist.